



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 09/879,854
Applicant : Schinazi *et al.*
Filed : June 12, 2001
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Examiner : Howard V. Owens Jr.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A five month Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, to extend the due date for response to October 16, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

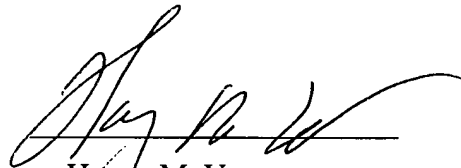
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Amendment and Response to Office Action along with any documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 16, 2003.



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